1	2
67	M/s B. Gopa
68	M/s Brundavan
69	M/s Fine Caterers
70	M/s G. R. Sunitha
71	M/s G. Suguna
72	M/s Raman Dekha
73	M/s Siddi Ramulu

Black marketing of tickets

†714. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of touts have been found involved in black marketing of tickets at various railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, whether some touts have been apprehended while black marketing of tickets; and

(c) if so, the number of touts so apprehended and the action taken by Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) Some cases of touts indulging in black marketing of railway tickets do come to notice.

(b) and (c) Touts so apprehended are prosecuted as per the provisions of law. The number of touts apprehended and prosecuted during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto June, 07) are as under:

Year	No. of touts apprehended	No. of touts prosecuted
2006-07	2320	2320
2007-08 (upto June 07)	605	605

Train from Delhi to Nautanwa

715. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a direct train from Delhi to Nautanwa, Nepal border to encourage the tourists; and;

(b) whether there is any proposal to run a direct train from Nautanwa to Lumbini in Nepal to facilitate the travel of Buddhist pilgrims?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Rail tickets through post offices in Kerala

716. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of post offices selected for operation of issuing railway tickets in the country, State-wise;

(b) the minimum requirement for that need in a post office;

(c) how many number of post office selected in the State of Kerala for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRJ R. VELU): (a) to (d) List of 28 Post Offices identified for provision of facility of issuing reserved railway tickets is enclosed as Statement *(See* below). The Post Offices identified are as mutually agreed by the Ministry of Railways and Department of Posts which include Non Rail Head and remote locations sanctioned for provision of Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facility and also those suggested by Department of Posts. Since no location in the State of Kerala was there in the list of sanctioned locations mentioned above and also Department of Posts did not propose any such location, the same was not identified for provision of this facility.

Statement

List of locations identified for provision of facility of issuing computerized reserved tickets through Post Offices

SI. No.	Name of location	State
1	2	3
1.	Noida Sector 56 PO	Uttar
2.	Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon	Haryana
3.	Dahisar, Mumbai	Maharashtra
4.	Sriperambadur	Tamil Nadu
5.	Pushkar	Rajasthan
6.	DLF Gurgaon	Haryana
7.	Dwarka Sector 6	Delhi
8.	Greater Noida Alpha	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Indirapuram/Shipra Sun City	Uttar Pradesh
10.	Kavinagar/Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh